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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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The above-listed document has a common inventor with, and is commonly

assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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